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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ian Trevor Dampney et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: Actuating and Locking Mechanism for a Surgical Tool

FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)

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ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH

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Responsive to the notification dated February 1, 2002, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63.

- ☐ The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$130.00 is attached to cover the required fee for the late filing of the executed declaration.
- ☒ A copy of the notification is also submitted herewith.

The Declaration enclosed herewith adequately identifies the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2185. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: Actuating and Locking Mechanism for a Surgical Tool

which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification
☐ the specification in application Serial No. _____ filed _____
☐ PCT International Application No. PCT/GB00/00325 filed 4 February 2000
 (if applicable) and amended on _____ under Article 19 PCT
 and on _____ under Article 34 PCT

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Number	Country	Date Filed	Priority Claimed
<u>9902647.8</u>	<u>United Kingdom</u>	<u>5 February 1999</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §1.20, of the United States Application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56, and which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

Application Serial No.	Filing Date	Status (patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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